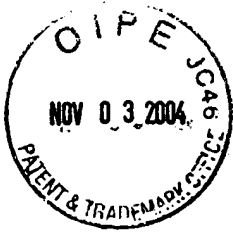


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Applicant hereby petitions that the above-referenced application be made special in accordance with the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 708.02 (IV) and 37 CFR § 1.102(c) by reason of Applicant's age. Specifically, Applicant, John R. Rice, is over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, enclosed please find a Statement in Support of Petition to Make Special Because of Applicant's Age signed by Applicant, John R. Rice.

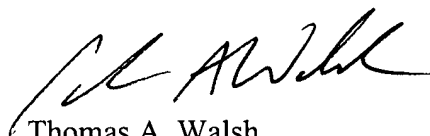
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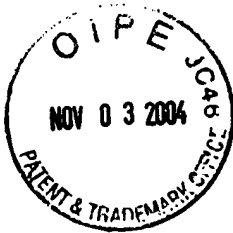
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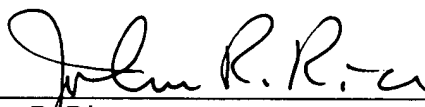


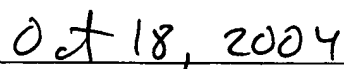
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**STATEMENT OF APPLICANT JOHN R. RICE IN SUPPORT OF  
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The undersigned, being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing therefrom, hereby declares that the undersigned's date of birth is June 6, 1934, and, accordingly, the undersigned is over sixty-five years of age. The undersigned further declares that all statements made of his own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

  
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John R. Rice

  
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